

**Letter from Samuel P. Langley to Alexander Graham Bell, August 21, 1903****2**

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION. *Washington, U.S.A* . August 21, 1903 Dear Mr. Bell:

Sometime since, when the experiments with the aerodrome were expected to be soon made, you sent me a most kind invitation to come to Baddeck and rest from the worry caused by them, whatever the result; but when I wrote my acknowledgment, I could not have understood that the strain was to be prolonged, as it has been.

The weather and other conditions have been such that the trial could not be made, and the boat is still down the river, where I left it yesterday, the delay being the subject of endless criticism from newspapers and the crowd of reporters. That this publicity has greatly tried everybody connected with the work, I need not say.

I enclose you a copy of last night's Star, containing a communication which I have sent to the Press, and also an editorial of about the usual tone in criticism upon it.

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I do not expect to be able to enjoy the recuperative quiet of Baddeck this summer, but I thank you again all the same for your invitation there. Please remember me to Mrs. Bell, and give my love to Elsie and to Marian, who still let me call myself their grandfather.

Very truly yours, S.P. Langley A. Graham Bell, Esq., Baddeck, Cape Breton, Nova Scotia.